

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING**

August 22, 2018

Gambling Control Board Conference Room

Department of Public Safety

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Michael Timmons, Chair
- 2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Review and Approval of Decision and Orders**
- 3. Public Hearing on Agency Rule-making Proposals Covering Proposed Amendments to Commission Rule Chapters 5, 7, 9, 11, and 17**

A Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal was published on August 1, 2018 in Maine's five daily newspapers. The notice announced that the Department is proposing amendments to Chapters 5, 7, 9, 11, and 17. The public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2018 and the deadline for written comments is 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2018. The Commission will take testimony on the proposed amendments.

4. Adjudicatory Hearings:

a. Hearing on an Application from Pioneer Gaming, LLC, D/B/A Favorites OTB for a Facility License at 38 College Avenue In Waterville. Pioneer Gaming, LLC., operates an off-track betting (OTB) facility at 6 Jefferson Street in Waterville. That building has been sold to new ownership. Donald Barberino is proposing to move the operation to a new location at 38 College Avenue in Waterville. The Commission will hear testimony about the merits of the proposed facility and determine whether it meets the approval requirements outlined in M.R.S. 8, § 275-D(6).

b. RE: Hearing on the Horse Supply. Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271 (7), the Commission will take testimony to determine whether the horse supply in the State has been adequate for the number of dashes conducted on assigned race dates and may limit the number of dashes that a licensee may race after August 1.

- 5. Input on Marketing.** Public Law 2017, Chapter 371 dissolved the Maine Harness Promotional Board effective August 1, 2018, and reassigned promotion to the Commission together with the allocated funding. Section 1 of Chapter 371 specifies that the Commission must invite input on the promotion of harness racing from all sectors of the industry. The Commission will discuss the manner in which they wish to invite input for 2018.
- 6. Delegation of Suspension Authority.** 8 M.R.S. § 283 requires the Department to obtain current listings of persons in harness racing occupations regulated by the Commission whose license has been refused, revoked or suspended in another jurisdiction, and to suspend the license of anyone suspended elsewhere. In order to effectively implement this requirement, the Department recommends delegating the suspension authority for up to 30 days to the track judges.

- 8. Other Business:**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Schedule of Future Meetings:**
September 13, 2018
- 11. Adjourn**